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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR CARACAS

1. APRIL 21-23 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE POST AND COSPONSORED BY GOV CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION PLUS LOCAL MEDIA WAS JUDGED TO BE UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS BY THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS, THE LOCAL MEDIA EDITORS, THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WHO URGED THE ORGANIZERS TO MAKE THIS TYPE OF SEMINAR AN ANNUAL EVENT.

2. LOCAL PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE THREE-DAY MEETING AS WELL AS RAN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WITH EACH OF THE FIVE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. BARRY ZORTHIAN OF TIME, INC., HELEN THOMAS OF UPI, ERIC SEVARIED OF CBS NEWS, PIERRE SALINGER OF L'EXPRESS AND JAMES GOODSSELL OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPRESENTED THE US. RESPECTED JOURNALISTS FROM VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, BRAZIL AND GUATEMALA CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY TO THE HIGH CALIBRE OF THE DAILY SESSIONS.

3. ALL PARTICIPANTS APPEARED TO HAVE PROFITED FROM THE SEMINAR AND TO HAVE FOUND IT HIGHLY USEFUL PROFESSIONALLY. THE RESULTS EXCEEDED EVEN THE OPTIMISTIC OBJECTIVES OF THE POST.

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4. HIGH POINT OF PROGRAM WAS A PRESS CONFERENCE AND DINNER OFFERED BY THE PRESIDENT AT HIS STATE RESIDENCE AT THE CLOSE OF THE SEMINAR FOR THE FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS (VENEZUELAN WERE NOT INCLUDED). THE PRESIDENT WAS EXPANSIVE, ANSWERING WIDE-RANGING QUESTIONS AND TALKING WITH JOURNALISTS FROM 7:30 PM. UNTIL ALMOST MIDNIGHT. RESPONDING TO A TOAST OFFERED BY SEVARIED AS DEAN OF THE FOREIGN PRESS CORPS, THE PRESIDENT PRAISED THE SEMINAR AND THEN MADE HIS COMMENT THAT IT SHOULD BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT.

5. FIELD MESSAGE FOLLOWS.
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